GORE-LEGAL

RECEIVED **CENTRAL FAX CENTER**

@1003

12.53

NOV 1 7 2004

Attorney Docket No. MP/84

I hereby certify that this correspondence is being

Office on November 17, 2004

facsimile transmitted to the Patent and Trademark

<u>IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE</u>

Applicant

Campbell et al.

Appl. No.

08/499,423

Filed Title

07/07/95

Interior Liner for Tubes, Pipes

and Blood Conduits

Group Art Unit: 3738

Examiner

: Pellegrino, B.

Commissioner of Patents

P.O. Box 1450

Alexandria, VA 22313

AMENDMENT AND REQUEST FOR RECONSIDERATION UNDER 37 C.F.R. 1.111

Dear Sir.

Responsive to the Office Action mailed May 17, 2004 for the above-referenced application, please amend the above-identified application as follows.

Applicants hereby request an extension of time for three months to Nov. 17, 2004. Examiner is requested and authorized to charge our deposit account number 07-1729 for the required amount.

Amendments to the Claims are reflected in the listing of claims which begins on page 2 of this paper.

Remarks/Arguments begin on page 11 of this paper.

31/14/E333 788KIT 83233331 871723 39479423 Application No. 08/499,423

Date: 17 Nov. 2004

require <u>lack</u> of appreciable recoil while the conventional ePTFE tube of Goldfarb does indeed (as suggested by the Examiner) recoil. Goldfarb has not been processed with the necessary steps taught by the present invention that prevent recoil, not does Goldfarb possess the claimed ePTFE film covering.

The Applicants believe that their claims are in good and proper form and are patentable over the cited art. As such, the applicants respectfully request reconsideration, allowance of the claims and passage of the case to issuance.

Respectfully submitted,

Wayne 1 House 34,623

W. L. Gore and Associates, Inc. 551 Paper Mill Road, P.O. Box 9206

Newark, DE 19714-9206

(928) 884-2574

13